



## Look after our water

With a dry summer forecast now is the time for us all to think carefully about all the ways we can use water wisely. For lots of handy tips on water conservation see page 4 and check out [nelson.govt.nz](http://nelson.govt.nz), search phrase = water conservation.

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# Lantern celebration lights up festive season



Nelson City Council's summer events line up launches into action this Saturday 13 December with the magical Lantern Celebration up the Centre of New Zealand.

Grab a torch and the kids, and head to the Botanical Reserve from 7pm where you will find all kinds of creations, installations and music waiting to surprise and enchant as you make your way up the hill.

There will be a whole host of entertainment at the top including music and even Santa himself. People can watch the sun slowly set and the darkness rise before heading back down the hill. Remember to bring a torch – the track will be dark!

A lantern making workshop is being held before the event on Saturday 13 December, from 10am to noon, at Community Art Works, 25 Paru Paru Road. Lanterns and paints are provided, please bring a gold coin donation.

Organisers encourage everyone to bring along homemade lanterns or simply a torch if they can't make the workshop beforehand. Because of the fire risk, use a battery or solar powered light and please don't smoke on the hill.

The Lantern Celebration is part of the *Summer in Nelson* events programme, which arrived in residents' letterboxes last week, bursting with exciting events to

inspire and entertain.

Busker shows, open-air movies, funky street music and events associated with the Festival of Cricket are all included in this year's programme, which will keep locals and visitors entertained throughout the festive and holiday season.

"It's really important we provide Nelsonians and visitors with a wide range of summer events that have free entry or affordable ticket prices. This season's line-up promises that – plus a number of additional events to celebrate our involvement in the ICC 2015 Cricket World Cup," says Mayor Rachel Reese.

"Firstly, I encourage everyone to take part in our much-loved Lantern Celebration this weekend. This event embodies to me what living in Nelson is all about. It's a chance for the community to come together to celebrate the festive season in a creative and magical way," she says.

See the full summer events line up at:





# New Nelson Hop and Beer Museum open!

Founders Heritage Park's newest attraction, the Nelson Hop and Beer Museum, was opened in style recently by Mayor Rachel Reese, with the help of the volunteers whose efforts made the museum possible.

Mayor Reese offered her sincere thanks to the volunteers, emphasising how important the museum is for Nelson's unique regional tourism offering.

"As the Craft Brewing Capital of New Zealand, it's only right that we have a Hop and Beer Museum that backs up our claim to fame!

"The museum shows early brewing began in our region over 170 years ago, with our first recorded brewery established in 1843. The displays focus on the first 100 years of this

important regional story, bringing our long history of craft beer and hop growing alive.

"This latest addition to Founders will be of great interest to Nelsonians and visitors alike. People can explore and understand our brewing heritage and then pop right next door and enjoy one of the top craft beers of the region, in a visible working brewery."

Founders Heritage Park Facility Manager Maria Anderson says initiatives such as the Hop and Beer Museum and the Nelson Craft Brewing Trail are great for the Nelson region.

"This museum is a key visitor attraction within the park, which complements the existing exhibitions well. We hope it will attract more paying visitors with an interest

in craft beer and brewing heritage, whilst remaining free to locals all year round."

The new facility and exhibition was funded by proceeds from the annual Founders Park Book Fair fundraising event and support from New Zealand Hops Limited, as well as many generous hours given by local volunteers and brewing enthusiasts.

"We couldn't have done it without their support, and without the community's generous donations of books," says Ms. Anderson.

**Founders Park, including the Nelson Hop and Beer Museum, is open daily 10am-4.30pm (except Good Friday and Christmas Day).**

The Nelson Hop and Beer Museum details the history of craft beer and hop harvesting in the Nelson region with a journey through three rooms:



### The Hop Kiln

The first room is a replica hop kiln, the new roof line visible from outside the museum creates a landmark for the park, echoing the many silhouettes in farmlands around the Motueka, Tapawera and Riwaka areas, many still in use today for drying hops. This room shows how the hops are dried ready for processing and Nelson hop picking stories are told.



### The Brew House

Visitors then enter the Brew House that demonstrates the brewing process from start to finish and has examples of early 1800's brewing equipment donated to Founders from Nelson breweries over the years. The oldest heritage item on display dates to 1848, only five years after Nelson's brewing stories begin.



### The Office

This room tells of the history of Nelson's local brewing companies from 1843 to 1943. The stories include the roots of our region's brewing families, the impact of Nelson hops on national and international markets, early methods of hop research and the development of new varieties of hops.



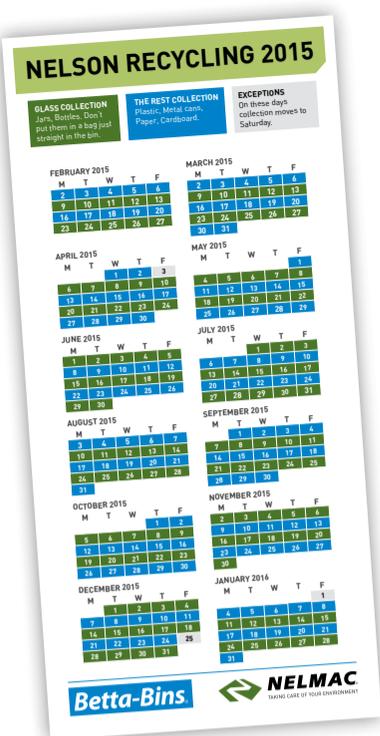
Left: Mayor Rachel Reese and Founders Park Book Fair volunteer Murray Farrant cut the ribbon to open Nelson's new Hop and Beer Museum.



Centre top: Mayor Reese with Founders Park staff and volunteers.



Right: Some of the Museum's fascinating displays.



# Nelson Recycling Calendar 2015

Wherever you are in the city, your Nelson 2015 Recycling Calendar should arrive in your letterbox over the next week.

Produced by Nelson City Council and Nelmac, the easy reference calendar lets you know which weeks to put out household glass (in solid recycling bins only please) and which weeks to put out other recyclable material.

Information on the back of each calendar includes: public holiday collection day changes for 2015, recycling FAQs & websites residents can check out for additional recycling information.

Put this on your fridge!!

## Holiday kerbside recycling and rubbish pick up

|                         |                              |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Thursday 25 December    | Pickup Friday 26 December    |
| Friday 26 December      | Pick up Saturday 27 December |
| Thursday 1 January 2015 | Pick up Friday 2 January     |
| Friday 2 January        | Pick up Saturday 3 January   |

Please put your recyclables and refuse out at the kerbside by 8.00am

Nelson City Council and Nelmac currently collect: glass bottles and jars, plastics 1-7, metal tins and cans, plus paper and cardboard. 92% of Nelson households utilise the kerbside recycling scheme.

Please note, the new green-topped Nelson City Recycling Calendar starts from February 2015 – so don't be in too much of a rush to toss out your black-topped 2014 version – it still has a few weeks left to run.

# Give your bike a present this Christmas!

Grab a free bike check and tune-up from the Get Moving team at the Big Bike Tune Up at the Nelson Market (north edge of Montgomery Square) this Saturday 13 December. If you missed the Big Bike Tune Up at Ecofest and are visiting the market, or just in town on Saturday morning head over to the Get Moving pergola to give your bike some Christmas cheer, and maybe pick up a bike-related

give-away or information on riding in Nelson.

Get Moving is supported by Nelson City Council and is an organisation that is focussed on getting people more motivated, active and out enjoying some exercise. It's a great place to start your journey to a healthier, happier lifestyle. So whether you walk, run or cycle find out some fun ways to do it at [get-moving.org.nz](http://get-moving.org.nz).



The Get Moving team in action at Ecofest.

[get-moving.org.nz](http://get-moving.org.nz)

# More youth events this summer

Young people will have plenty to do this summer, thanks to funding from Nelson City Council and the Ministry of Youth Development, to enable the YMCA Youth Events Team to run three outdoor festivals, for young people aged 15-18 years.

Live music, off beat performances and interactive activities will kick off the summer celebrations as Tahunanui Sports Field hosts the inaugural Beachfest on Saturday 27 December.

In case you miss it or if you can't get enough of it, the festival will return for more of the same blockbusting beach vibes on Saturday 31 January. Both events run from 4-10pm, are free to attend, and are strictly alcohol free.

The third and final outdoor festival instalment will be a town centre based event scheduled for late March next year.

YMCA Youth Services Manager Sally Wood says, "We have a great team of youth workers, young people and event planners working on these festivals, which ensure that they are what Nelson Tasman young people want.

"In August we undertook a youth survey of 800 young people, with outdoor events and beach festivals rating the highest."



## Council news via email

In 2015 we'll be offering Nelson City Council news via email for those who'd like regular snippets on top of the usual updates in print with Live Nelson.

All you need to do is give us your email address if you'd like to get an occasional update from us – promise we won't spam you!

Just go to the Nelson City Council Facebook page and complete the quick and easy sign up process.

[facebook.com/nelsoncitycouncil](https://facebook.com/nelsoncitycouncil)



## Use water wisely

With a dry summer forecast, it's important that we all think about our water use.

It's a precious resource and we need to use it wisely. Here are a few ideas you can easily put into action now:

- Keep bath levels to a minimum.
- Wait until you have a full load before using your washing machine or use the half load switch. You'll save as much as 125 litres per full wash. Try to do the same with your dishwasher too.
- You can reduce the amount of water used to flush the toilet by putting a brick or a two-litre bottle of water in the toilet cistern.
- Fix any dripping taps – they can waste over 1,000 litres per day.
- Always turn off the hose – leaving it running can waste up to 40 litres per minute – that's 2,400 litres an hour.
- Save 'grey water' for garden use.
- Don't hose down or water blast the yard or paths – use a broom instead.

For more useful tips and handy ideas on conserving water, check out the website, [nelson.govt.nz](http://nelson.govt.nz), search phrase = water conservation.

[nelson.govt.nz](http://nelson.govt.nz)

Search = water conservation

## Tickets on sale for Mayors' Christmas Dinner

For more than 30 years the Mayors' Christmas Dinner has been going strong, thanks to a team of dedicated volunteers and the generous support of sponsors. The aim is to spread some Christmas cheer to senior citizens who would otherwise spend the day alone.

Tickets are now on sale for the event at the Nelson College Dining Hall, where the doors open from 11am on Christmas Day.

The celebrations will start with live entertainment, drinks and a sing-a-long, followed by a delicious traditional Christmas feast with all the trimmings. Then Santa takes centre stage with some giveaways, entertainment, door prizes, and surprises!

Tickets are \$15 and available from now until 19 December at the Council office in Trafalgar Street, the Stoke Library and Tasman District Council in Queen Street, Richmond.

If transport is required (within Nelson and Richmond only) people can email or phone Councillor Brian McGurk on [Brian.McGurk@ncc.govt.nz](mailto:Brian.McGurk@ncc.govt.nz) or 027 444 0170. Anyone who wants to volunteer their services on the day is also invited to contact Brian.

Donations of cash or in kind, may be sent to the Mayor's Office, Nelson City Council, PO Box 645, Nelson 7040. Please indicate: "For Mayors' Christmas Dinner" on the envelope, and if a receipt is required.

Mayors Rachel Reese and Richard Kempthorne thank all those who have offered their time and goods to support this worthwhile event.

## Christmas at Broadgreen

Remember to visit Broadgreen Historic House now to see how the Victorians spent Christmas in the 1850s.

Find out what was cooking in the kitchen and what was on the menu for Christmas dinner. How about some games in the parlour?

The Christmas exhibition is on now and runs until 11 January 2015.

During the exhibition, the Nelson Embroiderers Guild will be showing some of their beautiful work until

Monday 22 December.

Don't forget to join us in the Rose Garden on Sunday 21 December from 5.30–7pm for the annual "Carols on the Green" concert, bring a picnic and enjoy the music.

Be sure not to miss Broadgreen Historic House dressed for "A Victorian Christmas".

For more information visit:

[broadgreenhouse.co.nz](http://broadgreenhouse.co.nz)



## Improvements at the Almond Tree Flat ford

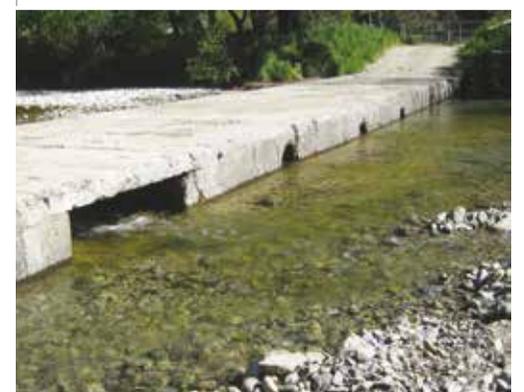
Together with the community, Nelson City Council is working hard to improve the health of the Maitai River including looking at options to make changes to the ford at Almond Tree Flat in the Maitai Valley.

The concrete ford interrupts natural gravel movement, and stops fish from being able to move up and down the river to complete their life cycle. It is also used by people to wash their cars and by freedom campers, who often leave litter and waste beside the river. However, the ford does provide useful vehicle access across the river to the reserve area for track maintenance, mountain bike events, picnics and to access utility services among other things.

Council is considering alternative options if the ford is removed, including a bridge further upstream or an access track downstream below Sunday Hole. We are keen to speak with anyone who has any other ideas or suggestions for ways pedestrians, mountain bikers or vehicles could access the reserve. This information will help guide various options to be made available to the public for feedback next year.

In the meantime, Council has introduced a chain link gateway to stop vehicle access to the ford. Pedestrian and bike access remains open.

Please contact Council's senior engineering officer Mike Booker, by phone (03) 546 0213 or email [mike.booker@ncc.govt.nz](mailto:mike.booker@ncc.govt.nz) if you'd like to discuss the changes or provide feedback about the Almond Tree Flat ford.



# Changes to drink-driving limits

On 1 December the alcohol limit for drivers aged 20 years and over lowered from 400mcg of alcohol per litre of breath to 250mcg. The blood alcohol limit lowered from 80mg of alcohol per 100ml of blood (0.08), to 50mg (0.05).

For drivers under 20, the limit stays at zero.

The law says you must not drive if the amount of alcohol in your breath or blood exceeds these limits.

## Can I still have a drink and legally drive?

It is important to remember that there is no 'safe' level of alcohol for driving, and the best advice is to keep it simple and avoid any doubt by making the choice not to drive if you are

going to drink. Call a taxi, take a bus or get someone who hasn't been drinking to drive you home. Think ahead – it's always easier if you have a plan.

## Everyone is different

If you do have a drink there are many factors which will determine how quickly alcohol is absorbed into your system, including body type, gender, weight and food intake.

Even small amounts of alcohol affect your judgement, and the ability to drive safely begins to deteriorate after even one drink.

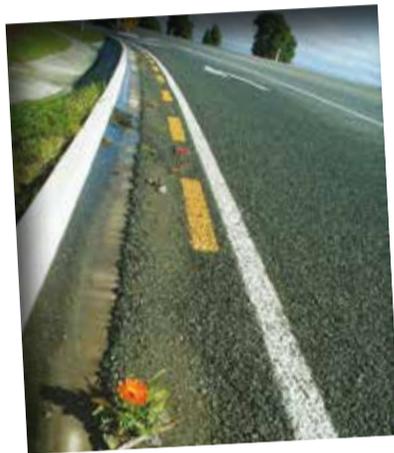
Guidance from the Institute of Environmental Science and Research (ESR) indicates that most adults may be able to drink

two standard drinks over two hours and are likely to remain under the new drink-driving limits for adults.

A standard drink is equivalent to 330ml of beer, 100ml of wine or 32ml of spirits, containing 4, 13 and 40 percent alcohol respectively. In New Zealand, all alcohol packaging and containers must state the approximate number of standard drinks they contain.

For more information and details of the potential fines and charges that can be imposed under the changed limits, visit:

[transport.govt.nz](http://transport.govt.nz)



## Draft Regional Land Transport Plan – have your say

Remember to give your feedback on the draft Regional Land Transport Plan by Monday 22 December. The Plan sets out the region's land transport objectives, policies, and measures using national funding, for the next 10 financial years.

It also incorporates the Nelson Public Transport Plan 2015–2018, which lays out Council's public transport priorities for the next three years.

Submissions are invited on both concurrently. The full Statement of Proposal – Draft Regional

Land Transport Plan for Nelson 2015–2021, including the Regional Public Transport Plan for Nelson 2015–18, is available from the Council office, Trafalgar Street or the Nelson, Tahunanui and Stoke Libraries. You can also view a copy online at [nelson.govt.nz](http://nelson.govt.nz), search phrase = Regional Land Transport Plan.

Submissions are invited until 5pm, Monday 22 December 2014.

[nelson.govt.nz](http://nelson.govt.nz)

Search = Nelson Regional Transport Plan

## Watch for Wasps



The Top of the South Island has some of the highest densities of German and common wasps in the world. The best way to reduce the chance of wasp attack in public parks and playgrounds around our city is to locate and destroy nests before they can cause a problem.

Wasps often build their nests in sunny areas along banks, underground and on trees and rarely travel further than 200 metres from the nest site. If you think there may be a wasp colony establishing in a particular area, the best time to locate the nest entrance is at dawn or dusk on a sunny day, when low light levels highlight the wasps' flight paths as they enter and exit the nest.

While landowners are responsible for wasp control on private property, anyone who thinks they have identified a wasp nest in a Council recreational area is asked to contact our customer service team on 546 0200 to provide details of the location. Council's contractor Nelmac Biosecurity can then assess the site and carry out any work that might be required.

In the case of wasp nests on private property, there are a range of poisons available to treat nests, which are best destroyed on a cool night, any time between late dusk and early dawn. All wasps return to the nest each night and their nocturnal activity is minimal. If you are not confident to do this, you should seek professional advice from a pest control company.



Common Wasp  
*Vespula vulgaris*



German Wasp  
*Vespula germanica*



Consul-General Jin Zhijian and his wife He Linyun with Mayor Rachel Reese.

## Chinese Consul-General builds Nelson links

Consul-General Jin Zhijian, wife He Linyun and Consul Luo Songtao recently visited Nelson to get a better idea of trade, business, education, culture and tourism in the Nelson region.

Mr Lin is based at the Consulate in Christchurch and has been in New Zealand for 3 months. He is very keen to strengthen relationships and build on the existing links between Nelson and China.

While in Nelson Mr Jin visited NMIT, the Cawthron Institute, a fruit exporter, the China Business Network, met with Mayor Reese and Mayor Kempthorne, the NZ/China Friendship Society and the Nelson China Association. He also visited the Abel Tasman National Park.

Mr Jin put forward the idea of having a 'China Week' in Nelson in

September next year, with a view to encouraging further business and cultural understanding between Nelson and China.

Nelson Regional Economic Development Agency Chief Executive Bill Findlater says, "As China is now New Zealand's largest trading partner, the importance of having strong relationships with people such as Consul-General Jin and his Consulate staff cannot be over-emphasised."

Mayor Rachel Reese agreed that the visit was extremely valuable.

"Building robust cultural, business and education links at a regional level are key elements of the partnership Nelson is developing with China. I look forward to exploring future opportunities with the Consul-General and his colleagues."



# Community Youth Volunteer Award

## Raven Maeder

A student at Nelson College for Girls, Raven is the co-founder of the Nelson Youth Climate Action Group. In this capacity, she is responsible for organising and chairing meetings and is the Group's media spokesperson. Raven has organised many events through the Group over the last two years, including the high-profile 'Oily People Walk' and the People Climate March in Nelson. In addition, Raven has been a volunteer Recycling Warden at her school's Arts Festival for the past three years and helped out as a Gigatown volunteer during this year's campaign. She has also contributed her voice to community debate by speaking on behalf of the Nelson Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement Action Group, both at Tasman District Council and at a local day of action. Well done Raven!

Nelson City Council annually sponsors the Community Youth Volunteer Award at each Nelson high school. The award is presented at prize giving and is to acknowledge the voluntary contribution a student has made to the community within the last 12 months, as identified by each school, and judged by a panel. The award consists of a \$50 voucher, a certificate from the Mayor and a trophy.



This month's bouquet recipient, Geoff Gudsell, is recognised for his commitment to helping our community deal with the spread of Argentine and Darwin's ants.

Geoff, who has been controlling Argentine ants on his Stoke property over the last two years, has been passionate and enthusiastic in his quest to share

knowledge and resources on control of the ants. He has dedicated a large amount of time and energy to help his neighbours and the wider community with what can be a distressing problem. Geoff has worked with Councillors, Council staff, service organisations and pest experts to raise awareness and coordinate support.

Geoff was instrumental in setting up a recent community education course to equip residents with the knowledge and tools to reduce their own ant problems. He persuaded two local experts to volunteer their time and knowledge as course presenters, making the course accessible to as many people as possible. He has also worked with suppliers to get them to provide products in larger quantities in order to reduce their cost.

My sincere thanks to you, Geoff. It is a pleasure to be able to publicly recognise your efforts.

## Mayor's Bouquet

If you know someone you consider worthy of a Mayor's Bouquet, just follow these easy steps:

- Submit the nominated recipient's name/contact details, along with 150 words on why the person deserves recognition. This is usually going the extra mile for our community.
- Send via post to Mayoral Bouquet, Nelson City Council, PO Box 645, Nelson 7040 or email to [mayorsbouquet@ncc.govt.nz](mailto:mayorsbouquet@ncc.govt.nz). Remember to include your name and contact details.

The Mayor's Bouquet brought to you in association with Woodlea Florist, Bridge Street, Nelson.

# Suggestions called for Brook Recreation Reserve

Nelson City Council is beginning the process of preparing a management plan, which will define the activities that can take place within the Brook Recreation Reserve.

This Council-owned land includes the Brook Motor Camp, but does not include the reserve area currently leased to the Brook Waimarama Sanctuary Trust for a fenced wildlife sanctuary.

Council is seeking written suggestions from the public about how the reserve should be used in the future, what needs protection on the site and how the setting could best serve both Nelsonians and visitors to the region.

This information will help guide the development of a draft Brook Recreation Reserve Management Plan, which the public can provide further comment on next year.

Mayor Rachel Reese says the management plan will outline the community's wishes for how the area is managed in the future.

"The aim is to take a broad view of the Brook Recreation Reserve, taking into account the interests of different stakeholders for the activities that could take place within the reserve.

"We think developing a management plan is the most efficient and effective way

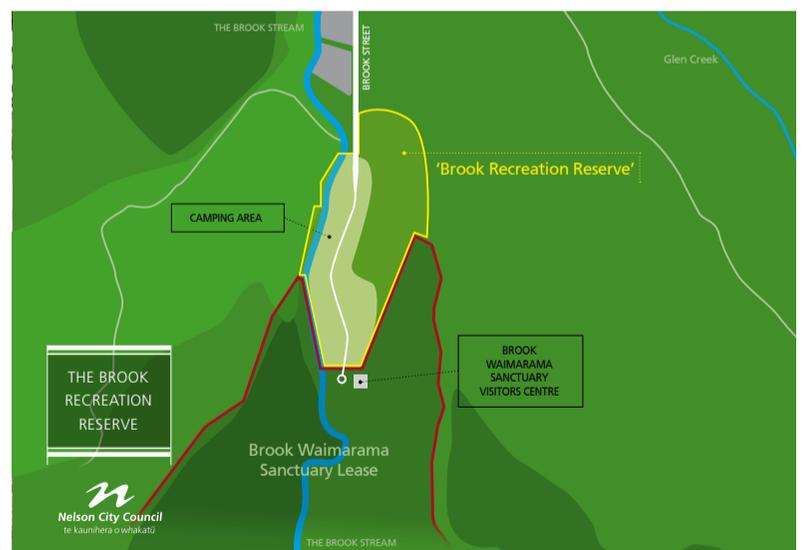
to provide for the needs of the community. I encourage everyone interested in this recreation reserve to tell us what their vision is for this area through this initial consultation process."

Council is seeking written suggestions on the proposed plan until Friday 16 January 2015 at 5pm.

People are invited to make written suggestions by emailing:

[submissions@nelson.govt.nz](mailto:submissions@nelson.govt.nz) with Brook Recreation Reserve Management Plan in the subject line, or by post to: Nelson City Council, Admin Support, PO Box 645, Nelson 7040. Please note, no specific format is required for these initial suggestions.

Council will also hold public meetings in early February next year to gather further feedback, before the draft management plan



Map showing the area covered by the draft Brook Recreation Reserve Management Plan.

is prepared. The public will then be asked to provide submissions on the draft plan through a two month consultation phase.

A panel will hear verbal submissions before making recommendations on the final content to Council.

The draft Brook Recreation Reserve Management Plan is due to go before Council for final approval in June 2015.

# FROM THE COUNCIL TABLE

Bringing you the results of what has been discussed and decided at the Council table

## Councillor's Comment – Eric Davy



We are in the process of working through the Long Term Plan for our city, to cover the next 10 years and the requirement to look out 30 years for our infrastructure needs.

With the growth being experienced in the city, it is a balancing act to meet the needs of the present while looking into a crystal

ball for the needs of our future. These must be balanced so the infrastructure put in place now is future-proofed and won't need replacing as our city grows.

New subdivisions are coming on-stream that will impact on the current infrastructure. That includes

increased loadings on the roads, increased need for water, wastewater and stormwater facilities. If we address these things now, it will save bigger costs in the future. We must not take the short term view to the detriment of the next generations coming through.

The programme of capital expenditure being considered for the proposed Long Term Plan has identified the needs of our city and also some of the things that would be ideal to have. When the time comes, it is important that you take the opportunity to have your say in helping your elected members to identify what is both needed and wanted for our city's future.

Note: The Long Term Plan will be finalised and available for public feedback in March 2015.

[nel.so/n/cac](http://nel.so/n/cac)

## The Nelson Plan

At the end of 2013 Council decided to combine the Regional Policy Statement and the Nelson Resource Management Plan in an integrated second generation plan review called the 'Nelson Plan'.

Essentially the Nelson Plan outlines the rules and regulations for how we manage our built environment and natural resources.

The first step was to define the significant resource management issues for Nelson and determine the key strategic outcomes the plan is trying to achieve.

The Plan aims to create a city that is a vibrant, attractive place in which people can live, work, and play, and in which business can operate successfully now and into the future. Natural resources should be managed in an integrated and sustainable way to maintain and enhance natural, ecological, recreational, human health and safety, and cultural values.

Council has now started the process of talking to interested parties and stakeholders and that will continue into next year.

The expected timeline for the project and other details are available on the website, [nelson.govt.nz](http://nelson.govt.nz), search phrase = Nelson Plan. In short the aim at this stage is for the Nelson Plan to be publicly notified by the end of 2016. This is when the community will have further opportunities to provide feedback through submissions and further submissions.

Look out for more updates in Live Nelson and on the website as this important work progresses.

[nelson.govt.nz](http://nelson.govt.nz)

Search = Nelson Plan



## Meetings

The following meetings of the Nelson City Council have been scheduled:

### Council meeting

9am 11 Dec

### Joint Committee

9am 17 Dec

### Civil Defence Emergency Management Group

to follow Joint Committee 17 Dec

### Council meeting

9am 18 Dec

### Notes:

- 1: Unless otherwise shown, the meetings will be held in the Council Chamber, Civic House, Trafalgar Street, Nelson.
- 2: A public forum is held during the initial period of the Committee/Council meeting. Anyone wishing to speak at this public forum is asked to give prior advice to an Administration Adviser on 546 0200.
- 3: Agendas will be available for perusal at the Customer Service Centre in Civic House, or at Nelson Public Libraries, two days prior to the meeting.
- 4: Agendas and minutes for Council meetings can be viewed on Council's website [nelson.govt.nz](http://nelson.govt.nz).

## Slo and Flo on the streets for summer

The wacky and wonderful characters developed as part of a road safety campaign in central Nelson will be back on the streets over the busy Christmas and New Year period.

Do you remember Slo the giant snail? Or Flo, who looks like a cross between Dame Edna and Pipi Longstockings?

These fun characters aim to make the inner city roads safer for everyone. They encourage pedestrians, cyclists and drivers to share the city streets, travel slowly, smile and show courtesy to other road users.

The characters were developed to highlight some of the main safety issues in the central

city – cars backing out of parks too quickly and confusion about the different roles of courtesy crossings, pedestrian refuges and zebra crossings.

Slo and Flo will be distributing information cards to pedestrians, cyclists and drivers to spread the safety message. They will be around in the lead up to Christmas and through to early January when the city has many visitors from out of town.





## Reading under the Christmas Tree

Join us around our Christmas Tree on December 11 at 6.15pm at Elma Turner Library.

Julie Saraswati will be playing her harp, Gina Gray will be giving us Christmas card ideas and our guest Tim Leyland will be showing us how to mix some delicious non-alcoholic Christmas drinks.

Come and chat to us about what you recommend for holiday reading – and

we will read you some of our Christmas favourites.

There will be prizes through the evening – including for best dressed for a nostalgic Christmas evening! Plus there will be a prize drawn from the correct entries from our advent quiz.

## 'Nelson at War: the shortlist' now available via Overdrive

As part of the World War 100 commemorations Nelson Public Libraries, Tasman District Libraries and Page & Blackmore Booksellers held a short story competition, Nelson at War. The winners were announced on Thursday 16 October.

Nelson Public Libraries has published the 10 short-listed stories in a publication *Nelson at War: the shortlist*, which is now available to borrow from our Overdrive website:

[southisland.lib.overdrive.com](http://southisland.lib.overdrive.com).

You need to be a member of either Nelson Public Libraries or Tasman District Libraries to borrow from Overdrive – pop into your local Library if you haven't used Overdrive before and need help.

[southisland.lib.overdrive.com](http://southisland.lib.overdrive.com)



## Sunscreen on the Church Steps

Nelson's Cathedral steps have long been a popular meeting place for Nelsonians, with many taking the opportunity to sit and soak up some summer sun, particularly at lunchtime. The spot is also visited by the majority of tourists at some point during their stay. So unsurprisingly a trial of free sunscreen on the steps has proved extremely popular.

In October the Cancer Society, with help from NZME and Nelson City Council, installed a large bottle of sunscreen for public use, on an existing lamp post part way up the Cathedral steps.

Cancer Society Nelson Centre Manager Linda Lucre has been checking and refilling the bottle regularly and says the trial is going really well.

"We are considering finding even more places to provide sunscreen next summer, however we will need to review it at the end of the trial period in March and work together with Council to identify suitable sites."

For more tips on staying safe in the sun go to:

[sunsmart.org.nz](http://sunsmart.org.nz)



### DID YOU KNOW?

7 teaspoons (or a cupped palm-full) is the amount of sunscreen you need to apply every two hours to your whole body.

## Temporary road closures

- **Trafalgar Street**, from Hardy Street to Selwyn Place
- **Selwyn Place**, from Trafalgar Square West to Trafalgar Square East

Time of closure: Wednesday 24 December 2014, from 7.30pm until 10.30pm. This closure is for the Christmas Carols by Candlelight event. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

## What's on – at a Council venue near you



### Founders Heritage Park

Murder on Board: A murder mystery supper event, 11–13 December, 7pm

### Broadgreen Historic House

7 days, 10.30am–4.30pm (closed 25 December)

A Victorian Christmas: 15 November–11 January

Carols on the Green: In the Rose Garden, 21 December, 5.30–7pm

### Isel House

Tuesday–Sunday, 11am–4pm (closed 25 and 26 December, 1 and 2 January)

Further Afield – Stoke's WW1 soldiers: Admission by gold coin

### Melrose House

Nelson Brass Band Carols: On the lawn at Melrose, bring a rug and a candle, 13 December, 6–8pm

### Saxton Field Sports Complex

Black Sticks Men vs Canada Hockey Tests: 9–10 December, 6.30pm

### Rutherford Park

Air New Zealand's 75th Anniversary Tour: Have a turn in the Captain's seat in a Boeing 737 cockpit, 15 December, 2.30–6pm

## Nelson Public Libraries

### Elma Turner Library

Reading under the Christmas Tree: Learn how to make Christmas cards and non-alcoholic drinks while the harp plays. Share Christmas reading ideas. 11 December, 6.15pm

BookChat: Second Tuesday of each month, 10.30am

BookChat Online via Twitter: #rwpchat, last Tuesday of each month, 9pm

Small Time at the Library: Stories, songs and rhyme incorporating movement for 0–2yr olds, Wednesdays, 10.30–11.30am (term time only)

Story Time at the Library: Stories for 2–4yr olds and their parents, Thursdays 2pm (term time only)

### Community Corner

• Device Advice: Tuesdays 10–11am, Thursdays 2–3pm to 18 December

• Justices of the Peace: Saturdays 10am–12pm

• Summer Reading Tips: Tuesdays and Thursdays 11am–12pm to 18 December

• Workstar: Tuesday 16 Dec 12–2pm

• Christmas music – Julie & her harp: Monday 22 & Wednesday 24, 10.30am

### Stoke Library

BookChat: Third Wednesday of each month, 5pm

BookChat Online via Twitter: #rwpchat, last Tuesday of each month, 9pm

StoryTime: For 2–4yr olds and their parents, Wednesdays, 10.30am (term time only)

Small Time at the Stoke Library: Stories, songs and rhyme incorporating movement for 0–2yr olds, Tuesdays, 10.30am (term time only)

## Museums and Galleries

### Nelson Provincial Museum

Weekdays 10am–5pm, weekends and public holidays 10am–4.30pm

WW1-Their Stories, Our History – centennial commemoration: Until April 2015

## CHECK OUT

- **A Victorian Christmas until 11 January** – Visit Broadgreen Historic House and find out how a family would celebrate Christmas in 1855. The House will be decorated with all the trimmings of an 1855 Christmas. See all the fine things being cooked in the kitchen for festive dinner. What games will they be playing in the parlour? Also, an exhibition from the Embroiderers Guild from 1–22 December.
- **Carols on the Green** – Concert in the Broadgreen House Rose Garden, bring a picnic and enjoy the music, Sunday 21 December, 5.30–7pm.